

# The 2017 Community Action Awards and Celebration May 23, 2017

### **NOMINATION FORM**

Each year, the Montgomery County Community Action Board honors the contributions of individual volunteers and organizations that are improving the local community and working to address the needs of low-income County residents. This year, the Community Action Awards and Celebration will take place on May 23, 2017. **Nomination forms are due by March 17, 2017**. Award winners will be notified by April 7, 2017.

# **Award Categories**

- Marcia Plater Community Action Adult Volunteer Award This award honors the contributions of an adult whose volunteer services help lower-income County residents move towards or achieve self-sufficiency. This award also honors volunteers whose advocacy efforts help to reduce poverty in the County.
- Marcia Plater Community Action Youth Volunteer Award This award honors the contributions of a youth volunteer whose services help lower-income County residents move towards or achieve self-sufficiency. This award also honors volunteers whose advocacy efforts help to reduce poverty in the County.
- Henry L. Dixon Community Action Award for an Organization This award recognizes the
  contributions of a local organization that promotes self-sufficiency for adults in the County and
  helps to reduce poverty.
- Gerald Roper, Sr. Community Action Award for a Youth Organization This award recognizes the contributions of a local organization serving lower income youth in the County, which improves future success for youth and develops leadership skills.
  - Please note that organizations which are youth-led will receive extra points in the review process.

#### Criteria

The winners will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Impact of the volunteer or organization's work on the community. Please be sure to include any important statistics, client statements, newspaper articles, or other materials that clearly highlight the volunteer or organization's work.
- Relevance of the volunteer or organization's work to the Community Action Agency's mission: To reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency among County residents through services, partnerships, and advocacy.
- Partnership with the Community Action Agency (CAA). Please specify if the volunteer being nominated serves at an organization that partners with the CAA or the organization being nominated is a CAA partner.
- Youth-led organization (for the Gerald Roper, Sr. Award only). Organizations that are youth-led will receive extra points for this award category.

# **Instructions**

Please submit your completed nomination form and any support materials to <a href="mailto:Diana.Day@montgomerycountymd.gov">Diana.Day@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> You may also fax completed nomination forms to 240-777-3295.

If you have any questions, please call the Community Action Agency at 240-777-1697. To request this information in alternative formats, please call 240-777-1697 or e-mail <a href="mailto:Diana.Day@montgomerycountymd.gov">Diana.Day@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>. TTY users, please call MD Relay (711).

Nominations are due by 4:00 PM on March 17. Award winners will be notified by April 7.

# Community Action Awards

# **Nomination Form**

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. THE COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT THE NOMINATION FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE AWARD CATEGORY.

Please complete the following information.			
Your Name:			
Your Address:			
Your Telephone Number:			
Your E-mail Address:			
Your Organization/ Affiliation:			
2. Please complete the following information for the individual or organization being nominated.			
Name of Individual or Organization:			
Address of Individual or Organization:			
Telephone Number for Individual or Organization:			
E-mail address for Individual or Organization:			

3.	Below, please describe the individual volunteer or organization you are nominating. You are welcome to include additional pages.
	Individual Adult or Youth Volunteer - Please describe the contributions that this volunteer has made to the local community through his/her service. How has this volunteer's service to the community helped lower-income County residents move towards or achieve self-sufficiency? If applicable, how have the advocacy efforts of this volunteer helped reduce poverty in the County? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.
	<b>Adult Organization</b> – Please describe the impact of this organization in the County. How does this organization assist lower-income residents and promote self-sufficiency for members of the community? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.
	<b>Youth Organization</b> – Please describe the work of this organization in the County and its impact on youth. How does this organization develop leadership skills and improve future success for lower-income youth? Is the organization youth-led? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.
	*You are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to provide supporting documents, such as newspaper articles, letters of appreciation, and other documents you feel will be helpful in describing the contributions of this volunteer. These supporting documents may be e-mailed to <u>Diana.Day @montgomerycuontymd.gov</u>

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